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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Van Gompel et al.

Examiner: Craig, Paula L.

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For: DISPOSABLE UNDERGARMENT
HAVING A CUTOUT AND METHOD
FOR THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed March 17, 2008,¹ Applicants elect Species A/D/F/G/I. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement that at least claim 1 is generic with respect to all of the Species (Office Action at 2-3). Applicants further submit that: (1) claims 4-16, 32 and 33 are generic with respect to Species A, and that claims 2, 28 and 29 further read on Species A; (2) claims 2, 3, 6-16, 28, 29, 32 and 33 are generic with respect to Species D, and that claim 5 further reads on Species D; (3) claims 2-5, 8-16, 28, 29, 32 and 33 are generic with respect to Species F, and that claim 7 further reads on Species F; (4) claims 2-7, 10-16 and 28, 29, 32 and 33 are generic with respect to Species G, and that claim 8 further reads on Species G; and (5) claims 2-16, 28 and 29 are generic with respect to

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Species I, and that claim 32 further reads on Species I. Since claims 3, 4, 6, 9 and 33 depend from generic claim 1, Applicants have not withdrawn any of those claims. Applicants have cancelled claims 30 and 31 as being directed to non-elected Species A.

¹ Applicants have enclosed herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time.